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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 4, 2003, or until April 5, 2004 (the first business day following April 4, 2004).

Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to pay the one-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

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